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Press Release: Madison Consolidated High School
109th Annual Custer Oratorical Contest

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Madison Consolidated High School has had to cancel the presentation of the 109th Annual Custer Oratorical Contest for Sunday, April 26th. Instead of a public performance and judging, this year, the students have been given the option to record their recitation for social media. All contestants will receive an equal portion of the award money. Mr. Custer began the Custer Oratorical Contest in 1912 for students who attended all four years at MCHS and rank in the very top of their class; there are six contestants for the class of 2020, as there was a 5th place tie.

This year's contestants include:



Contestant #1: **Lyca Bishop**, daughter of Fely Bishop

Activities: marching band, NHS, Academic Super Bowl

Intended College: Undecided

Major: Psychology

Selection Title: *The Great Gatsby*

Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Coached by: Lee Strassell



Contestant #2: **Isaac Boone**, son of Ann Kirkland and Steve Boone

Activities: marching band, Academic Bowl, Madison Performing Arts
Foundation artist and Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble member

Intended College: Undecided

Major: Saxophone Performance and Music Education

Selection Title: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Author: Mark Twain

Coached by: Jill Koren



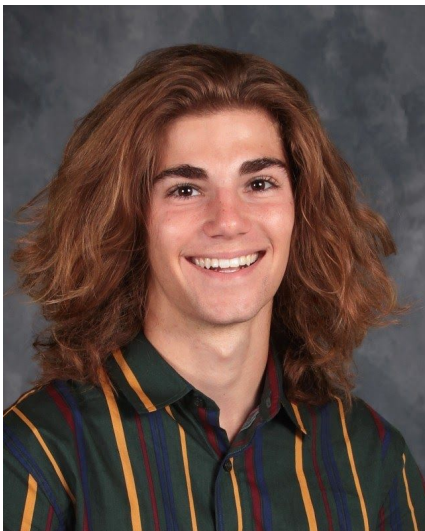
Contestant #3: Jessie Dyer, daughter of Sandi Dyer

Activities: basketball, soccer, NHS, Student Athletic Council
Intended College: Indiana University
Major: Business Management
Selection Title: *Where the Heart Is*
Author: Billie Letts
Coached by: Amanda Harsin



Contestant #4: Bailey Hankins, daughter of Beth Hankins and Mark Hankins

Activities: archery, HOSA, NHS, Ivy Tech Medical Assisting Certificate graduate
Intended College: Galen College of Nursing
Major: Nursing
Selection Title: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Author: Harper Lee
Coached by: Jill Koren



Contestant #5: Elias Hanson, son of Jon and Lisa Hanson

Activities: soccer, Math Bowl, Student Athletic Council
Intended College: Southern Adventist University
Major: Chemistry
Selection Title: *A Literary Nightmare*
Author: Mark Twain
Coached by: Susan Olendorf



Contestant #6: **Jonah Nichols**, son of Jim and Tracey Nichols

Activities: NHS, football, wrestling

Intended College: Purdue University

Major: Engineering

Selection Title: *Fahrenheit 451*

Author: Ray Bradbury

Coached by: Krista Lee